

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 1:00 PM**

**Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT  
Hearing Room 1-A**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **I. MINUTES**

September 30, 2015 and November 13, 2015

#### **II. CHAIR UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Health Care Associated Infections  
*Richard Melchreit, MD, Healthcare Associated Infections Program Coordinator, DPH*
- B. Provisional License Applications
  - Maria Sofia Arauz Pizzurno, D.D.S.  
*Presented by Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, DPH*
- C. Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856  
*Respondent's Motion to Lift Summary Suspension*

#### **IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

- A. Donald Gardner, DMD – Petition No. 2014-1217  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney DPH*
- B. Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition No. 2014-816  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney DPH*

#### **V. SCHEDULE MEETING DATES FOR 2016**

#### **ADJOURN**

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**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 30, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 30, 2015, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
   Lance Banwell, DDS  
   Peter Katz, DMD  
   Steven Reiss, DDS  
   Martin Ungar, DMD  
   Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      None

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 a.m.

**I.      MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 24, 2015 and September 2, 2015 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

**II.     CHAIR UPDATES**

NONE

**III.   NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Provisional License Applications  
            Yamini Patel, D.D.S.

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Yamini Patel, D.D.S., to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Patel. The motion passed unanimously.

B.      Rocco Carella, DDS – Petition No. 2015-735  
            Respondent's Motion to Lift Summary Suspension

Attorney Richard Pascal was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Commission.

Argument was heard from Attorney Pascal and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent's motion to lift the Summary Suspension ordered on September 2, 2015.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, that effective immediately, the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be lifted with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV.    OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

A.      Michael Crawford, DDS – Petition No. 2014-1175

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Paul Knag was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for one year and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. James Koputsoukos, DMD – Petition No. 2014-896

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for four months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Bill Markantonakis, DMD – Petition No. 2014-1021

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Beverly Knapp Anderson was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for one year and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Joohyun Kim, DDS – Petition No. 2012-1058

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Kevin Coles was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. David Sandak, DDS – Petition No. 2012-527

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 13, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 13, 2015, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via telephone*  
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*  
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*  
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*  
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*  
Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      None

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**I.      OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Robert Ricketts.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Ricketts regarding Respondent's Motion to Adopt Minutes and Immediately Reinstate Dr. Samson. Attorney Matthew Antonetti of the Department of Public Health also addressed the Commission

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to grant respondent's motion. Following discussion the motion failed. All Commission members voted against granting the Respondent's Motion to Adopt Minutes and Immediately Reinstate Dr. Samson

**II.     Carlos Henriquez, DDS – Petition No. 2015-1050**

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Mark Kelly.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Kelly regarding the Department of Public Health's motion for Summary Suspension and respondent's objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Reiss who abstained. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for December 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Katz, Dr. Banwell, and Ms. Ulrich.

**III.    ADJOURN**

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission